

## ESSAY SCORING CRITERIA

**An essay may or may not conform to each and every descriptor within a particular scale point. The marker should classify the essay into a category based on general impression rather than by checking off each descriptor.**

### 6 Answer

- A relevant position/thesis is clearly stated.
- Outstanding recall of factual content; organized in a purposeful and effective manner.
- Position is supported with thoroughly developed details and insightful conclusions are drawn.
- Expression is clear and fluent with few flaws in communication.

### 5 Answer

- A relevant position/thesis is clearly stated.
- Proficient recall of factual content; organized in a purposeful and effective manner.
- Position is supported with well developed details and effective conclusions are drawn.
- Expression is generally fluent with few flaws in communication.

### 4 Answer

- A relevant position/thesis is evident.
- Competent recall of factual content; generally organized in a purposeful and effective manner.
- Position is supported with sufficient details and adequate conclusions are drawn.
- Expression is sufficiently fluent; errors do not impede meaning.

### 3 Answer

- A relevant position/thesis is attempted.
- Minimal recall of factual content; organization is attempted.
- Position is supported with some detail and conclusions are weak.
- Expression is limited; errors may distract and impede meaning.

### 2 Answer

- Position/thesis is inadequate.
- Insufficient recall of factual content; lacks organization.
- Absence of supporting details, little or no relevant conclusion.
- Expression is awkward; errors interfere with meaning.

### 1 Answer

- A position/thesis is not evident.
- Deficient recall of factual content; lacks organization.
- Absence of supporting detail.
- Expression is full of errors making understanding difficult.

### 0 Answer

- While writing is evident, no attempt has been made to address the topic given or the writing is illegible.

### NR

- A blank paper with no response given.

**END OF KEY**